विदेश मंत्री (श्री माधवसिंह सोलंकी): (क) और (ख) सरकार को इस संबंध में समाचारपत्रों की खबरों की जानकारी है। मई, 1989 में भारत के गृह सचिव और पाकिस्तान के आन्तरिक सचिव की बैठक में लिए गए निर्णय के अनुसरण में भारत-पाक सीमा के कुछ क्षेत्रों में संयुक्त समन्वित गश्त शुरू की गई थी। तथापि, पाकिस्तानी पक्ष से पर्याप्त सहयोग न मिल पाने के कारण इससे वांछित परिणाम हासिल नहीं किये जा सके। सरकार ने अन्य आवश्यक उपाय किए हैं जैसे भारत-पाक सीमा पर चुनिंदा क्षेत्रों में कंटीले तार लगाना।

Modification of India's stand on Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty

2718. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the summit meeting of the Security Council held at New York recently some pressure was exherted on India to modify its stand on Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty; and

(b) if so, what was the reaction of the Government of India thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Leaders of some of the countries which attended the Summit meeting of the Security Council in their statements urged in general terms, for universalisation of the N.P.T. Government continues to remain opposed to the N.P.T. and our principle position on nuclear non-proliferation was reiterated by the Prime Minister in his address.

Appointment of commercial counsellors abroad

2719. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to appoint industrialists and professionals from important export promotion councils as India's commercial counsellors at various Missions abroad;

(c) whether some industrialists have already been approached to suggest the names of such experts from the Private Sector; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the scheme and the response from the industrialists and professionals?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Agreement with Pakistan on Siachin

2720. SHRI SHABBIR AHMED SALARIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on Siachin Glacier an agreement has been reached with Pakistan but that agreement has been signed so far;

(b) whether Government have decided to sign such agreement;

(c) if so, what are the terms of agreements; and

(d) what is the expenditure that Government is incurring in Siachin?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Adequate provisions have been made to meet the cost of troop deployment in the Siachin Glacier.

Siachin Glacier

2721. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleassed to state:

(a) what is the total area of Siachin Glacier;

(b) what area of the glacier is in Pakistan and what falls with India; and

(c) what progress has so far been achieved in regarding the territory of the glacier from Pak?